(iii) Where a category of Government servants in a Department is in receipt of Risk Allowance, similar categories of Government servants in other Ministries/Departments shall also be considered for grant of Risk Allowance under similar conditions, e.g. Safaiwalas/Sanitary Cleaners working in underground drains, sewer lines, infectious diseases hospital etc.

(iv) The Risk Allowance will not be treated as 'pay' for any purpose.

2. A review of the existing categories who are already in receipt of risk allowance may be conducted to ensure that the Benefit is given only to those strictly covered under the criteria laid down in paragraph 1 (i) above. The review should be completed within a period of 3 months and report furnished to this Department.

3. Proposal for inclusion of any new category fulfilling the criteria as indicated above may be processed by the concerned Ministries in consultation with their Associate Finance and the Department of Personnel & Training. Further in identifying such categories, Staff side of the Departmental Council (JCM) may also be consulted.

4. It has also been decided that Ministries /Departments may work out suitable welfare schemes for periodical medical check-up of the staff exposed to risk in their jobs to ensure their good health.

5. These orders come into force with effect from 1st October, 1986.

6. In their application to the officers of the I.A. & A.D. these orders are issued in consultation with Comptroller & Auditor General of India.

Posts of Senior Scale officers in Railways

2680. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Senior Scale officers posts as on 31st March, 1989 in Indian Railways Department-wise and Zone-wise;

(b) what is the number of these posts which were lying vacant as on 31st March, 1989 department-wise and Zone-wise; and

(c) what is the number of these posts being manned by Group 'A' officers as on 31st March. 1989 department-wise and Zone-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Pal scale of officers in Indian Railway

2681. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that junior scale pay is higher than the Assistant Grade officers scale in the Indian Railways;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a number of group 'B' officers are working against these junior scale officers posts;

(c) if so, whether any officiating allowance/pay is granted to Asstt. grade officers working against Junior scale officer's posts; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Group 'A' Junior scale and Group 'B' Assistant officers' posts are interchangeable.

(c) As the posts are interchangeable, no officiating allowance/pay is admissible.

(d) The allotment of a lower scale to Group 'B' officers is based on the specific recommendations of the IIIrd Pay Comm. contained in Chapter 13 Volume I of their Report. A higher scale has been allotted to junior scale Group 'A' officers to attract candidates of right calibre. For a junior scale officer this post is essentially for undergoing in-service training and for acquiring experience to enable him to occupy higher posts in the cadre. The Fourth Pay Commission, after considering this, have not recommended parity in scale for these two categories of officers.

Junior Scale and Assistant Grade posts on Indian Railways

2682. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Junior Scale and Assistant Grade posts in the Indian Railways as on 31-3-1989, department-wise and zone-wise;

(b) number of Juinor Scale officers working against Junior scale posts as on 31-3-1989, department-wise and zone-wise; and

(c) what are the total vacancies in these posts as on 31-3-1989 department-wise and Railway-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Recruitment of group 'A' officers in Indian Railways

2683. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Group 'A' officers recruited in the Indian Railways each year since 1985 department-wise; and

(b) what is the number of Group 'B' officers promoted to Group 'A' in the Indian Railways each year since 1985 department-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) A statement is attached. [See Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 160].

Dates of completion of Departmental Promotion Committee proceedings

2684. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the dates of the completion of Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) proceedings of Group 'B' officers for induction in Group 'A' each year, department-wise; and

(b) the actual dates of the completion of DPC proceedings each year since 1980, department-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The dates of the completion of Departmental Promotion Committee proceedings for induction of Group 'B' officers in Group 'A' are not fixed.

(b) A statement is attached. [See Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 16].

Appeal to Government of Forward Seamen's Union of India, Calcutta

2685. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Forward Seamen's Union of India, Calcutta has repeatedly appealed to his Ministry not to give or allot Home